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April 17, 2025 10:00 a.m. State Capitol, Room 430 & Videoconference

S.C.R. 117

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OF BUS STOPS ON HAWAII ISLAND UTILIZED BY CHILDREN TO TRAVEL TO SCHOOL AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT EACH LOCATION.

House Committee on Transportation

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports S.C.R. 117**, that HDOT work with appropriate state and county departments and agencies to conduct an inventory of bus stops on Hawaii island utilized by children to travel to school and develop strategies to improve safety at each location.

The HDOT, in coordination appropriate state and county departments and agencies, is committed to further discussions and feasibility studies regarding the proposed solutions to improve the safety conditions of the bus stops. We recognize the urgency of addressing the safety needs and will work closely with stakeholders to evaluate infrastructure requirements, legal considerations, and public safety measures necessary to move forward responsibly.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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> Date: 04/17/2025 Time: 10:00 AM Location: 430 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE Committee: House Transportation

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Resolution Title: SCR 0117, SD1, HD1 URGING THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OF BUS STOPS ON HAWAII ISLAND UTILIZED BY CHILDREN TO TRAVEL TO SCHOOL AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT EACH LOCATION.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) is in support of SCR 117, SD 1, HD 1.

The Department prioritizes the safety of all students and staff and is committed to collaborating with the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee, State Department of Transportation, and the County of Hawaii to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety.

The Department thanks the Committee for the opportunity to provide testimony in support on SCR 117, SD 1, HD 1.

<u>SCR-117-HD-1</u> Submitted on: 4/16/2025 7:41:48 AM Testimony for TRN on 4/17/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

I support this initiative.